

**WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA**

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 18, 2008

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Carrie Ehresman	Karen O'Farrell
	Vicki Burch	Bernadette Farris	Chris Pekny
	Dave Christian	Jim Knapp	Kumares Sinha
	John Cox	Chris Leroux	Boudewijn van Gelder
	David Downey		

VISITORS:	Beth Cook	Wendy Field	Ann Hunt
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Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Mr. van Gelder made a motion to approve the September minutes. Mr. Buck seconded and the September minutes were approved as written. Mr. Buck made a motion to approve the October minutes. Ms. O'Farrell seconded and the October minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

08-06 Proposed Changes to City Code Sections 41.09 and 41.10

Ann Hunt stated that in a discussion between Mayor Dennis, City Attorney Burns and herself, it was agreed that all the members of the Traffic Commission would continue to have voting privileges and that a quorum for the commission would be ten.

08-05 Pedestrian Crossings ~ Mid Block Crossings

Mr. Buck stated that his office was focusing on two mid-block crossing sites; North and Grant, and Columbia and Northwestern. Engineering is working on drawings for both of those locations. Mr. Knapp stated that there are street lighting standards for mid-block crossings and we may want to incorporate those standards into the drawings.

08-12 Russell/Waldron/University Island

Mr. Buck stated that in an effort to improve pedestrian safety, we are considering using mid-block crossings at several locations in the island area. He will keep the Commission updated.

05-03 Salisbury Street Safety Improvement Project

Work to demolish Burtsfield school is scheduled to begin on December 1st. Road work will begin in the spring of 2009.

04-14 Sycamore Lane Traffic Calming Project

Mr. Buck stated that Mayor Dennis and he went door-to-door on Saturday, November 8th to update residents of the upcoming traffic calming project. The project has an April, 2009 letting date. The project includes new curb, new sidewalks and bump-outs. Speed tables are not included at this point because the road is used heavily by emergency vehicles. Speed tables could be added in the future if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

08-18 Yeager Road Reconstruction Project, Ph 1

Mr. Buck stated that the Masonic Lodge, at the southeast corner of Northwestern and Yeager, is listed as a possible historic building. Since no alterations can be made to this property, the Northwestern/Yeager intersection will need to be shifted to the northwest. Two properties will likely need to be acquired in order to accommodate this intersection. Mr. Buck stated that a significant amount of right-of-way will need to be purchased for this project.

08-19 Wabash Heritage Trail

Mr. Buck stated that the Parks department has received a federal grant to extend the Wabash Heritage Trail along Happy Hollow Park, Happy Hollow Road and North River Road. The project also adds a retaining wall (where needed), improves the signal at Robinson and North River Road and adds a trailhead in Happy Hollow Park.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.M. Buck', written over a horizontal line.

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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